

Appl. No. 09/777,989
Atty. Docket No. 8035M
Amdt. dated February 22, 2006
Reply to Office Action of January 30, 2006
Customer No. 27752

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings (Sheets 1-6) replaces the original sheets including Figures 1-6. In these replacement sheets, previously shown stamps containing the inventor name, title, etc. have been removed.

In addition, the attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig 6. This sheet, which includes Fig. 6, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 6. In Figure 6, previously omitted designation as prior art has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

Claim 1 has been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim applicant's invention. Support for the amendments is found in the Specification at page 10, line 25 through page 13, line 5 and page 13, line 10 through page 21, line 19.

Claims 10-34 are canceled without prejudice.

The Specification has been amended to correct a typographical mistake regarding the inadvertent omission of a claim of priority.

The Specification has been amended to correct a typographical mistake regarding the characterization of a trademark.

It is believed these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter. Consequently, entry of these changes is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Objection to Claims under 37 CFR 1.75(a)

The Office Action states that Claim 1 is objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(a) for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 has been amended to more distinctly claim and point out the invention. Applicant respectfully asserts that this objection has now been obviated and should be withdrawn.

The Office Action states that Claim 1 is objected to because it term "contribution" provides uncertainty. As noted above, Claim 1 has been amended to remedy the inadvertent uncertainty and, it is submitted, the objection is now rendered moot and should be withdrawn.

The Office Action states that Claim 1 is objected to because it term "accumulated peak width" lacks antecedent basis. As noted above, Claim 1 has been amended to

remedy the inadvertent omission and, it is submitted, the objection is now rendered moot and should be withdrawn.

The Office Action states that Claim 1 is objected to because step (v) and step (vi) appear to have a "lack of connection." Applicant respectfully suggests that the connection between the steps in question would be well understood by one of ordinary skill in the art. Step (v) relates to the repetition of steps (i) through (v), where step (vi) allows for the display of the accumulated peak with of said solute peak following step (v). Applicant, therefore, respectfully asserts that this objection is in error and should be withdrawn.

Information Disclosure Statement – Non-Patent Literature References

Enclosed are the 102 non-patent literature references that the image file wrapper in the USPTO show as missing, along with a photocopy of the Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-SB08 as originally filed by Catherine Brown on July 20, 2001. This was an inadvertently omitted in the prior response and is now being supplied as requested.

Conclusion

In light of the above remarks, it is requested that the Examiner consider the response submitted on May 25, 2005, along with this response, which should now be complete. This response represents an earnest effort to place the application in proper form and to distinguish the invention as now claimed from the applied references. In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of this application, entry of the amendments presented herein, and allowance of Claims 1-8 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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